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For : MOTION PICTURE ELECTRONIC
WATERMARK SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please add the following claims in Appendix A to the application as filed. In the event any additional charges are required, please charge Deposit Account ~~05-5015~~ ⁵⁰⁻⁰⁵¹⁰. An extra copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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APPENDIX A
"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

A1 --20. (New) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing motion picture electronic watermark detection by employing statistical observation of frames to detect embedded information, said computer readable program code means in said computer program product comprising computer readable program code means for causing a computer to effect:

- (1) accumulating values through evaluation of frames;
- (2) comparing said accumulated values through observation with threshold values that vary in accordance with said accumulated values; and
- (3) employing the comparison results to detect said embedded information. --

--21. (New) The motion picture electronic watermark detection system according to claim 8, further comprising means for, in the event a bias exists in the signs of values accumulated in said two accumulators, providing an upper limit for said bias. --